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(54) **TOILET BRUSH CADDY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A toilet brush caddy is provided, includes a unitary one-piece housing, and is capable of supporting a toilet brush. The housing includes a brush receptacle and the toilet brush includes a handle and a cleaning head having a plurality of bristles. The caddy is capable of supporting the toilet brush such that the toilet brush is supported at an angle relative to the vertical, only contacts a front side of the brush receptacle, and the bristles do not contact any other portion of the brush receptacle when the brush is supported by the caddy.

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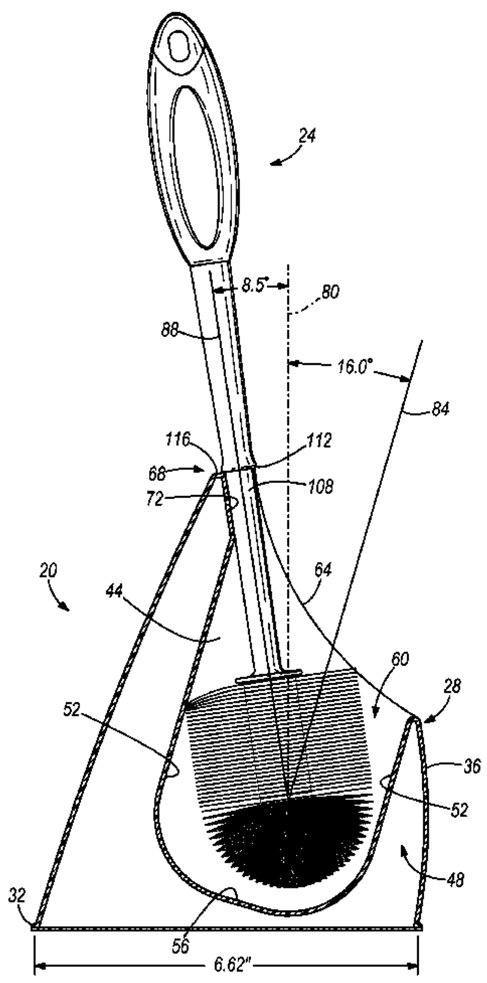

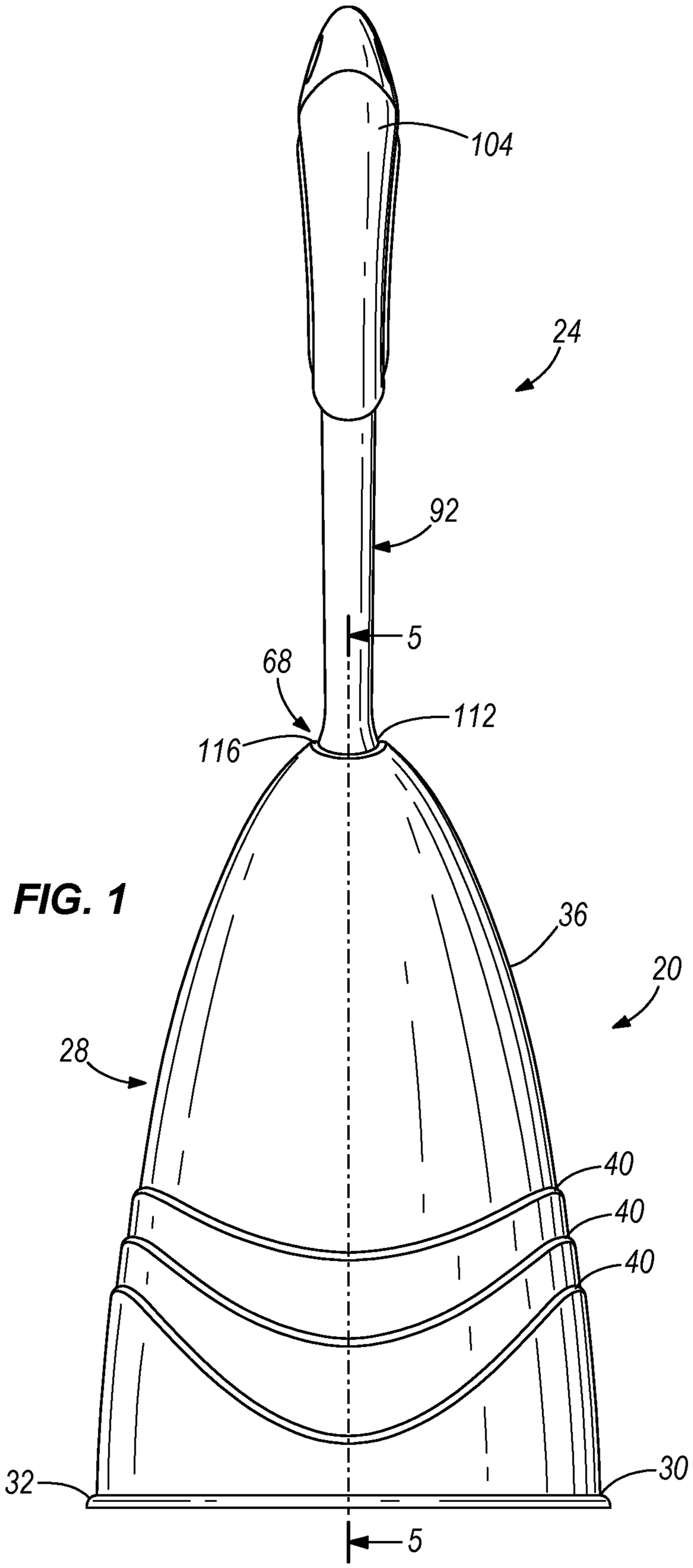

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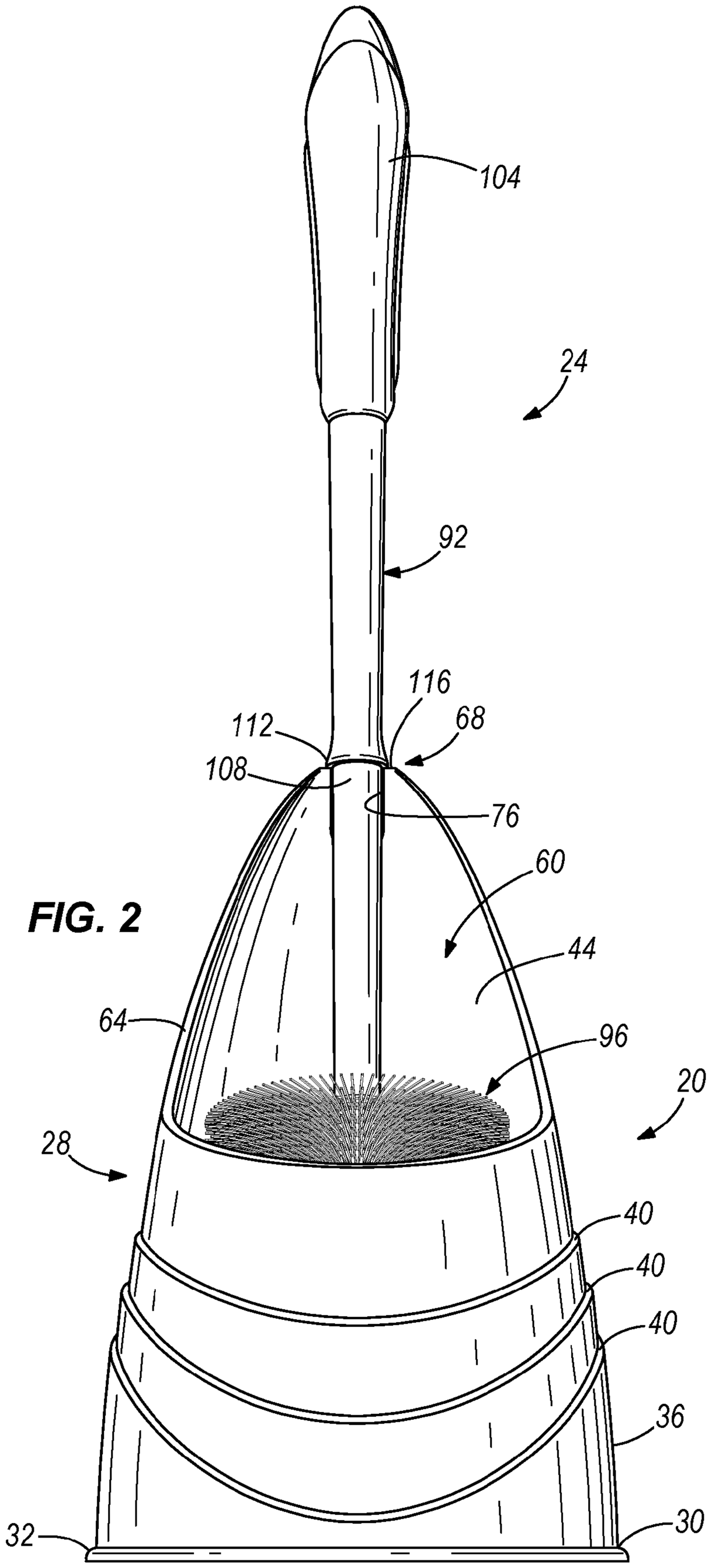

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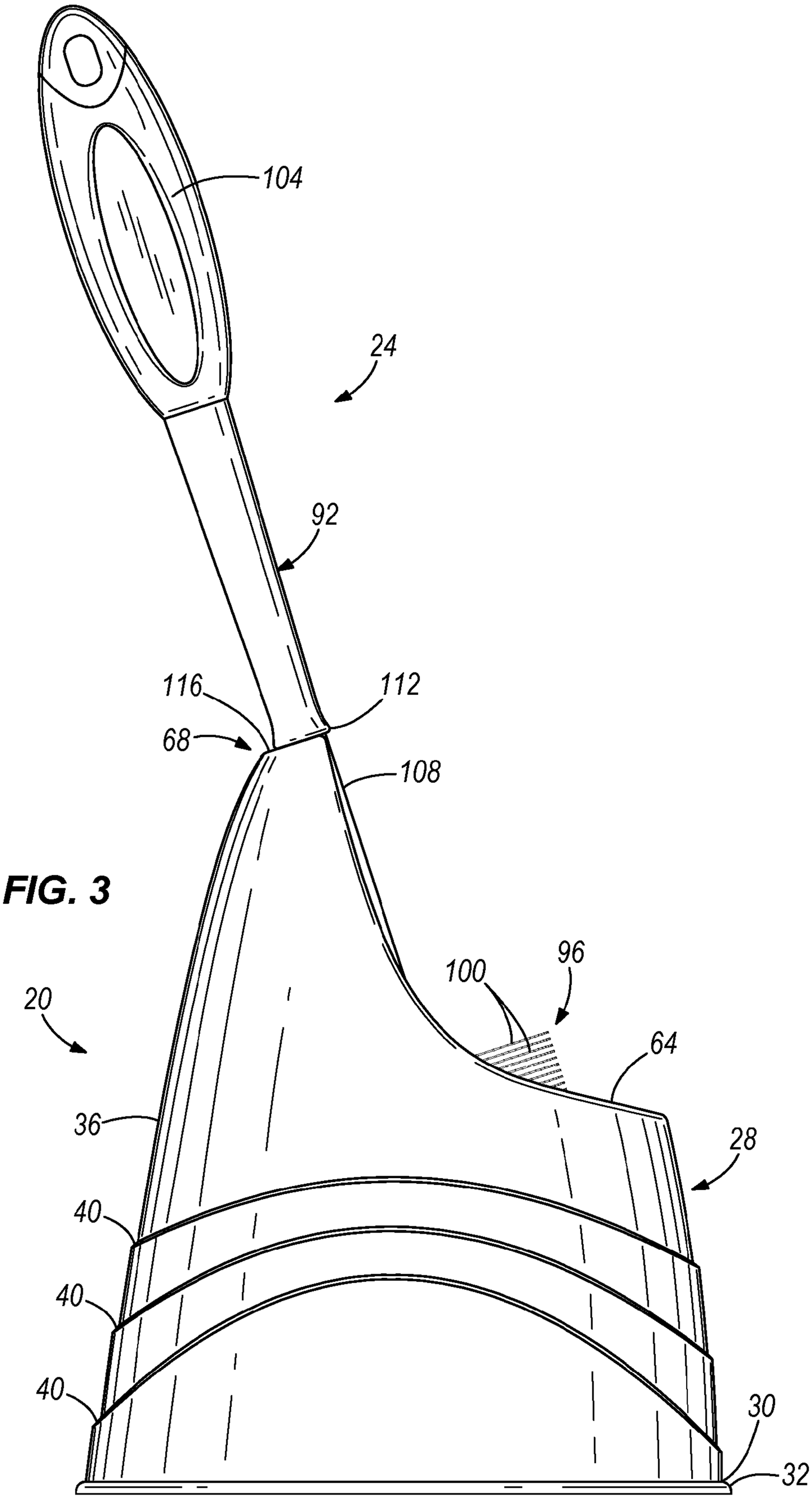

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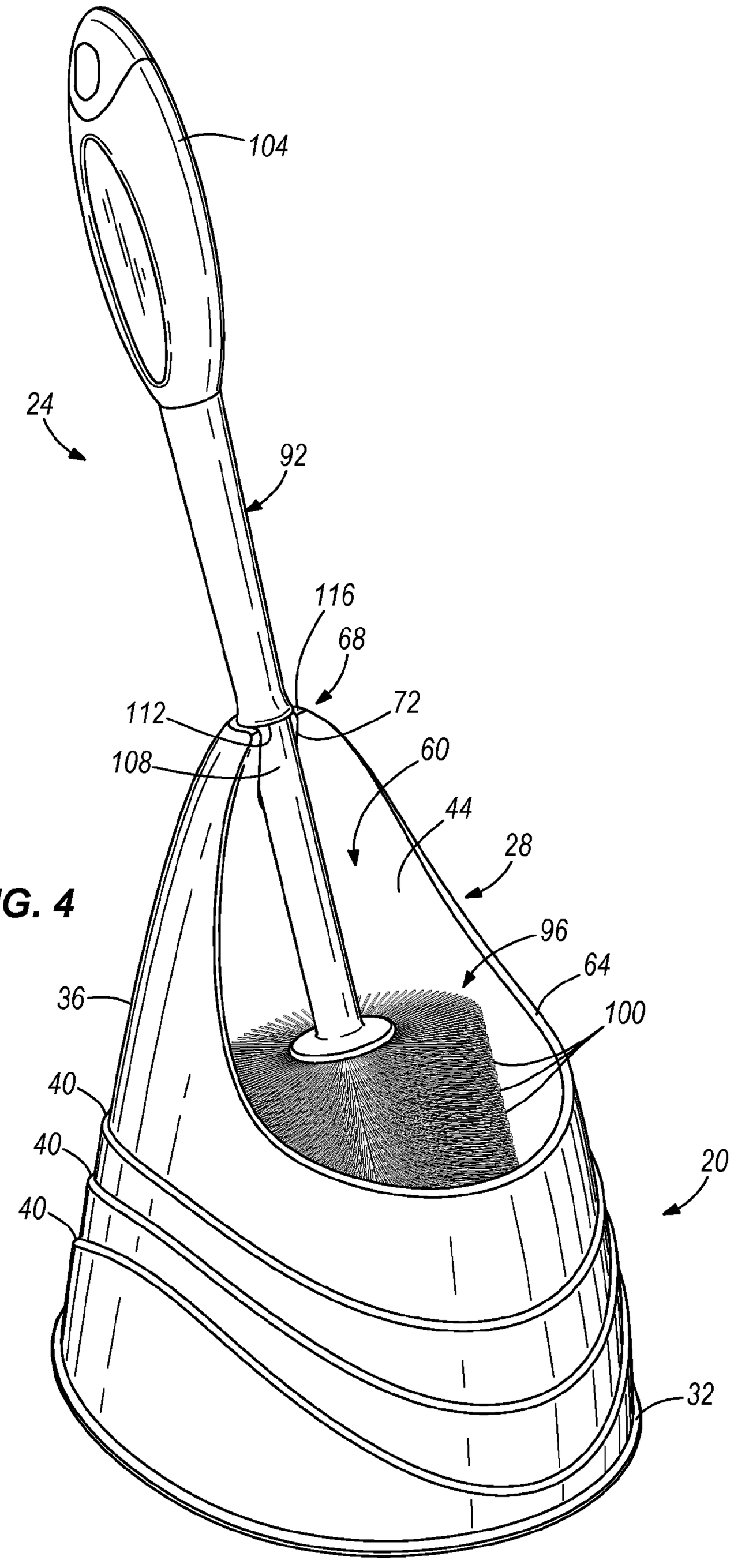

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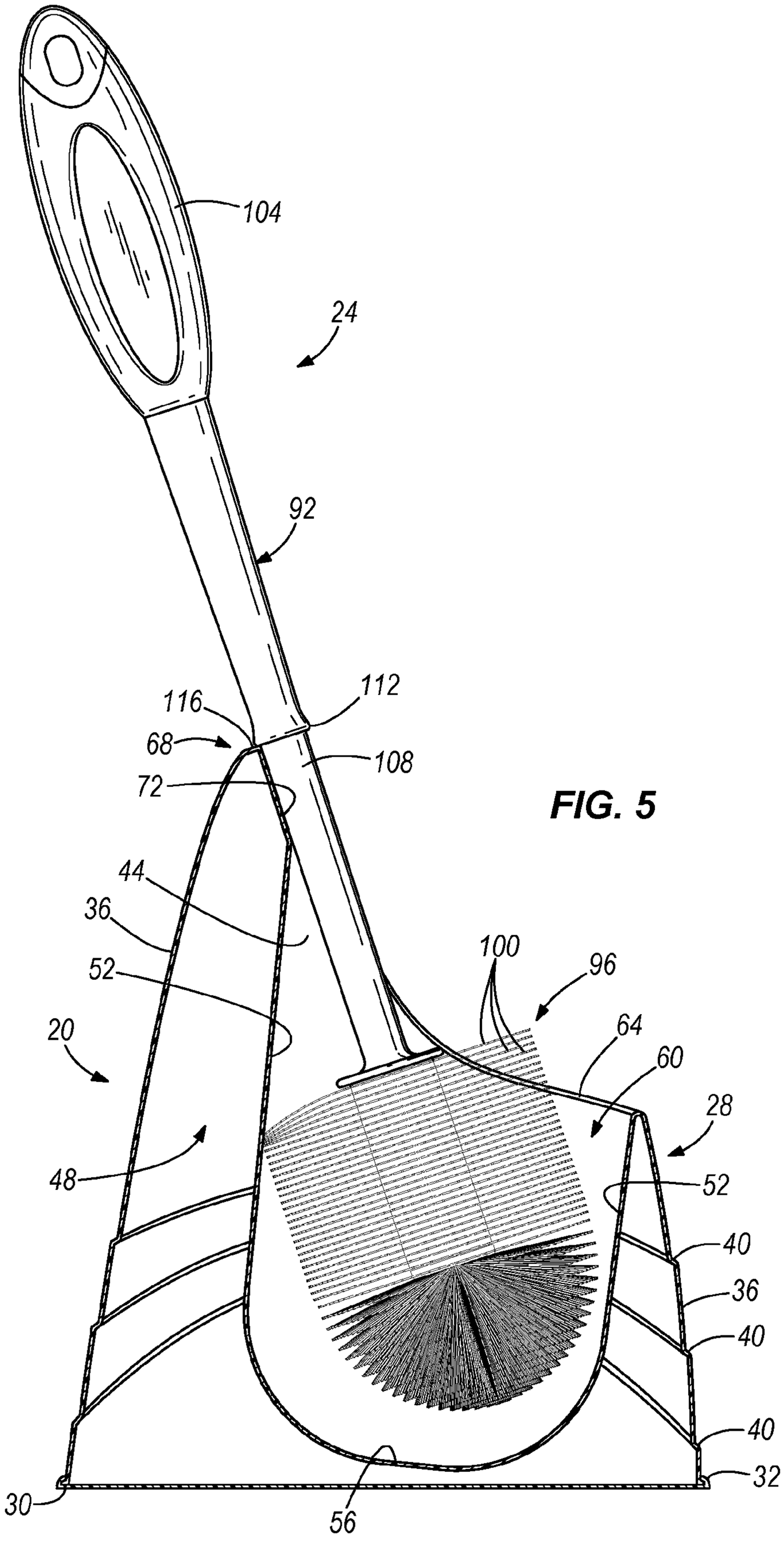
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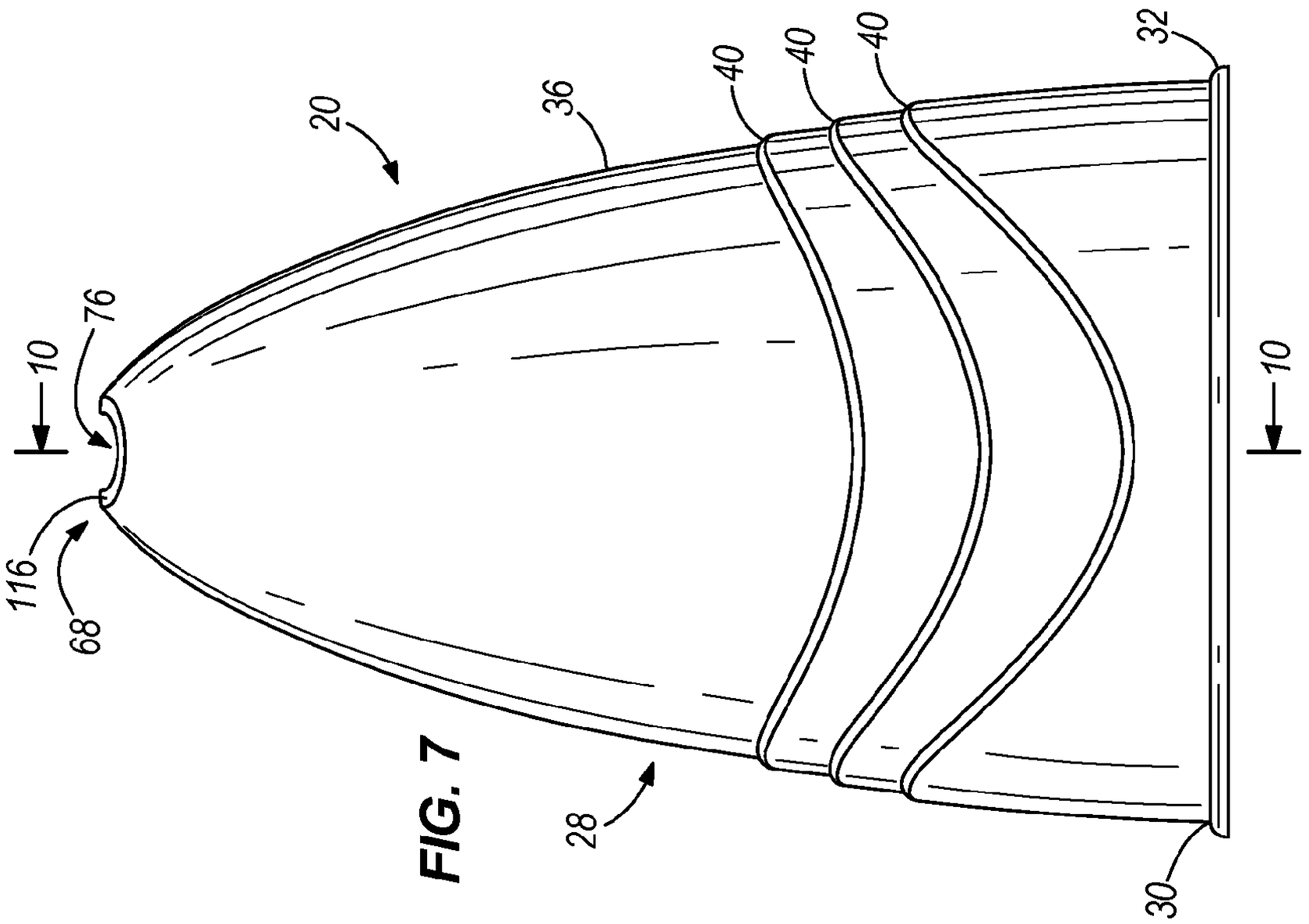
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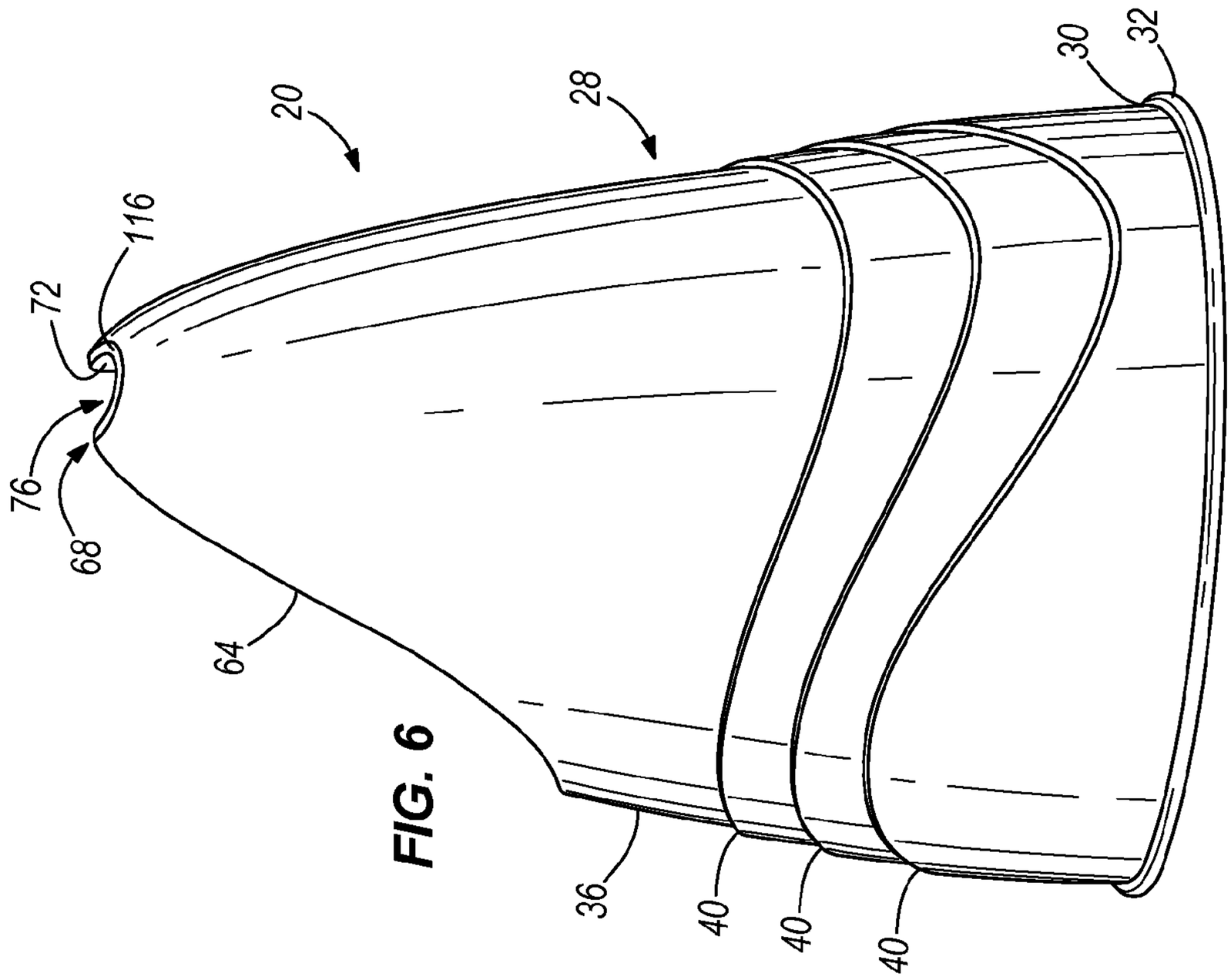
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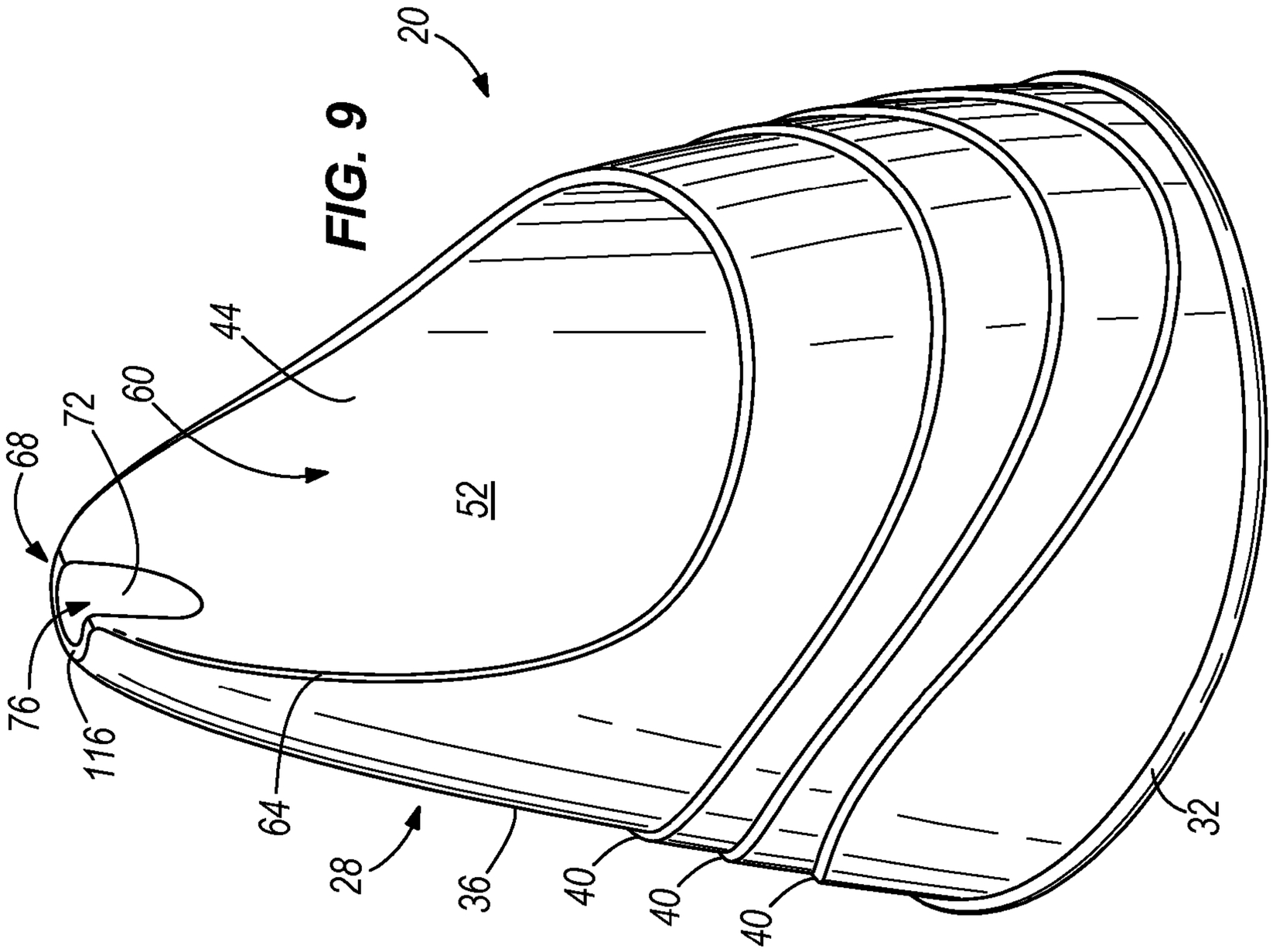
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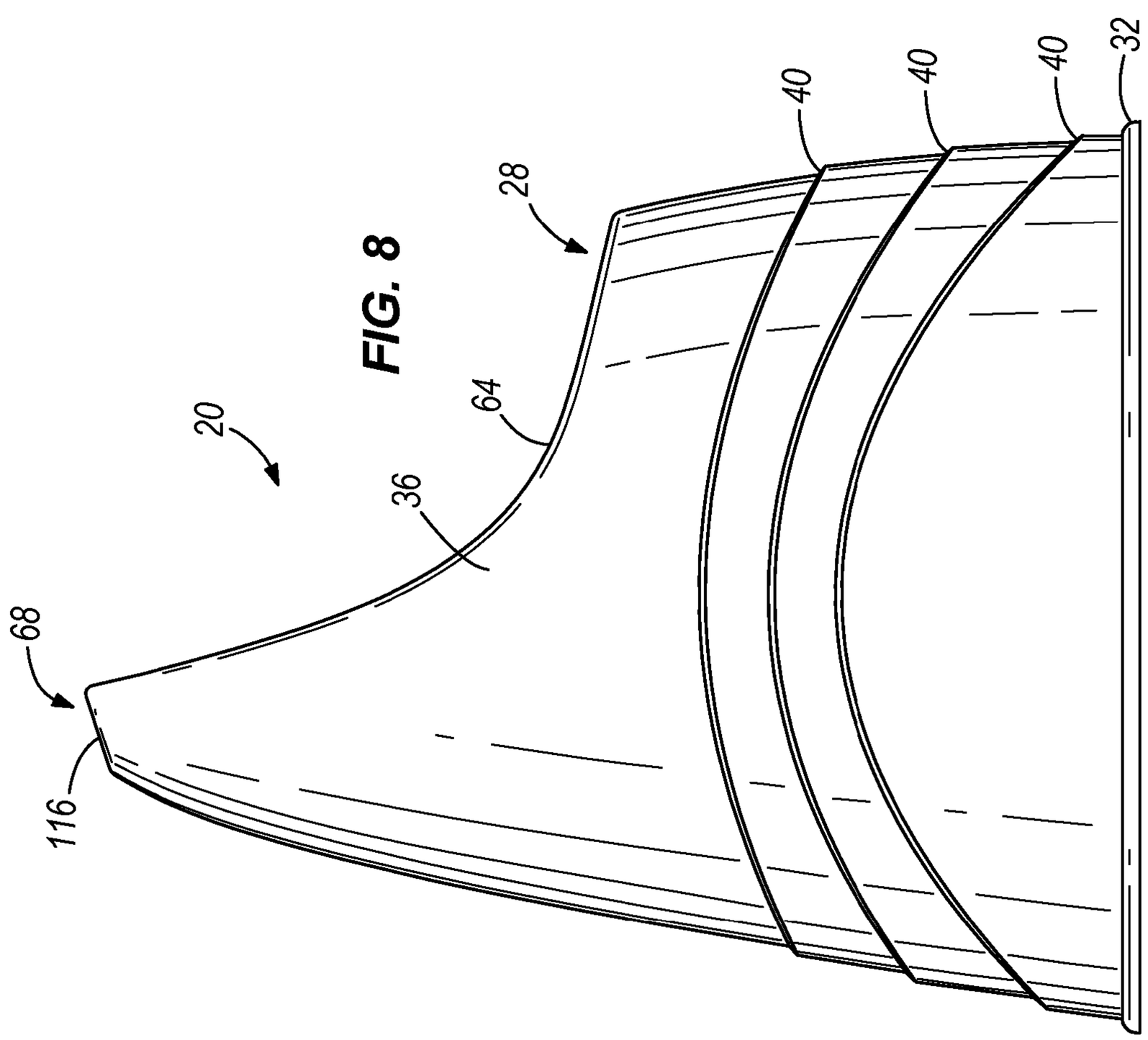
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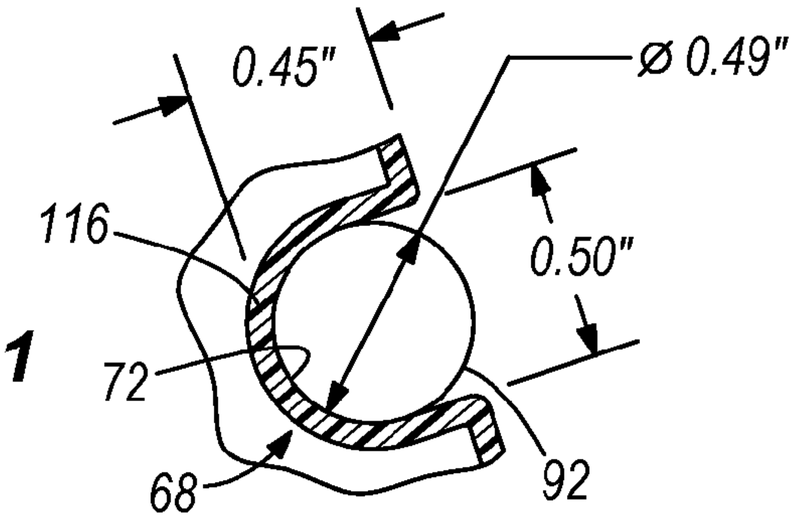
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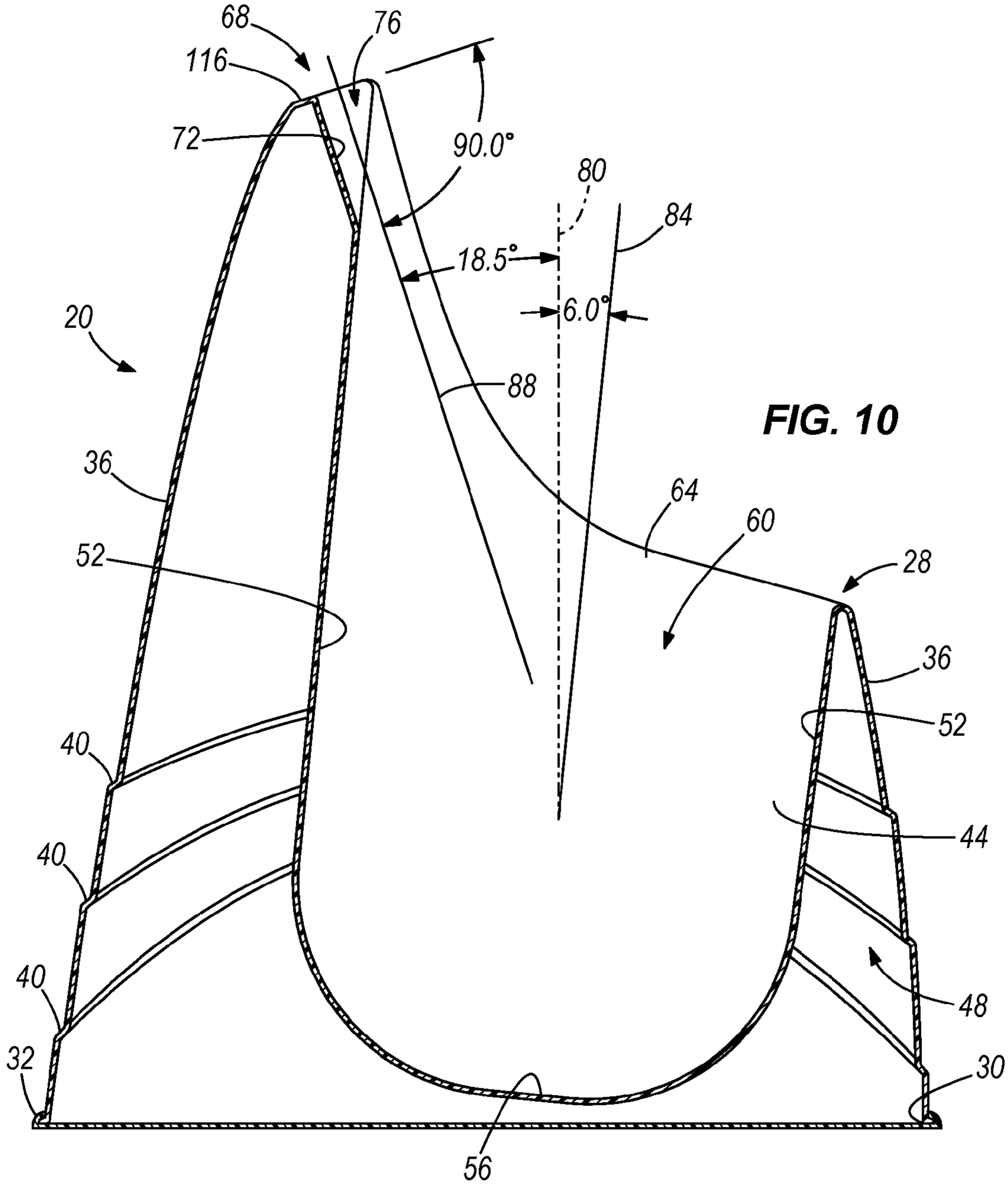
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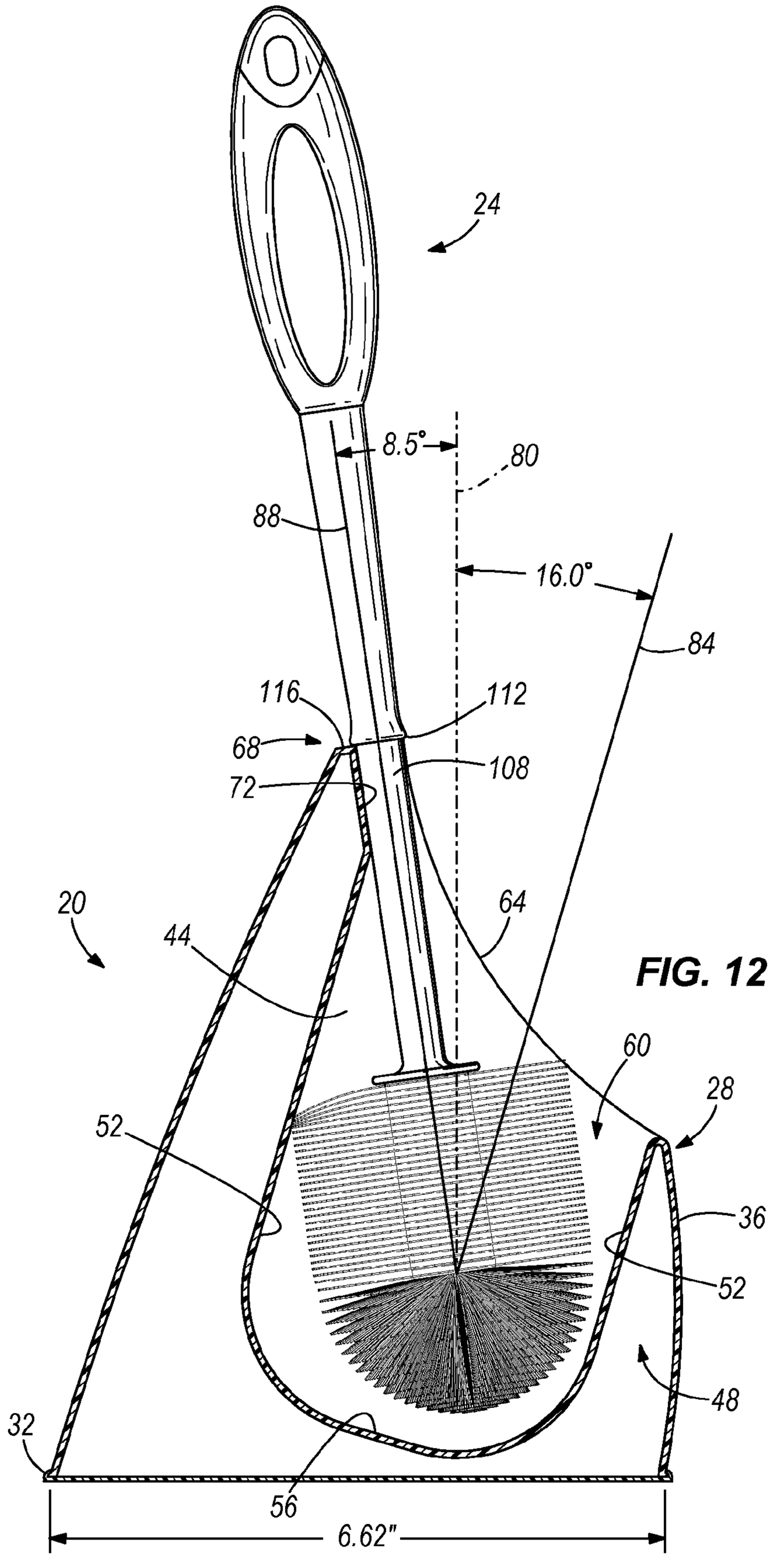
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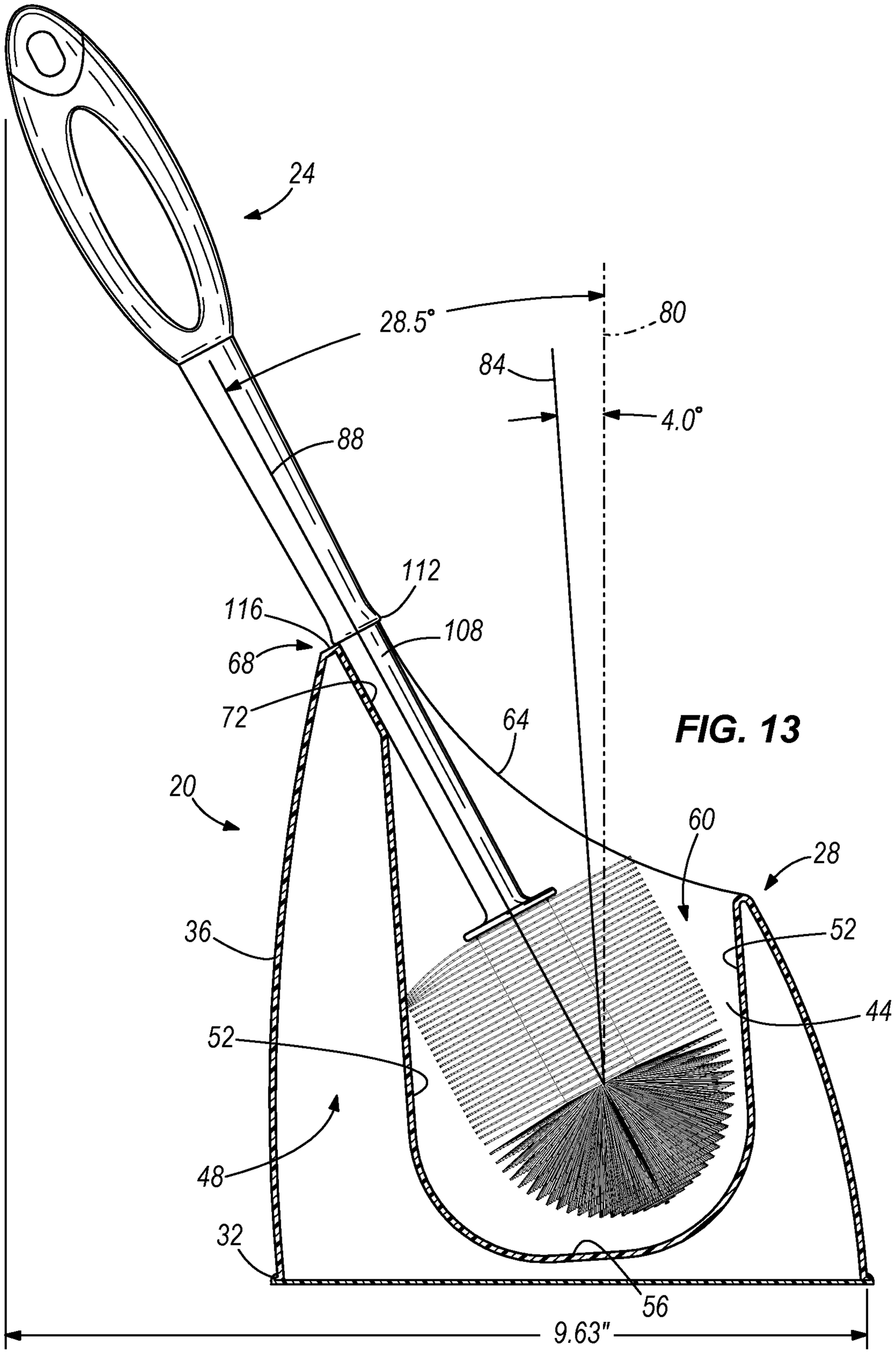
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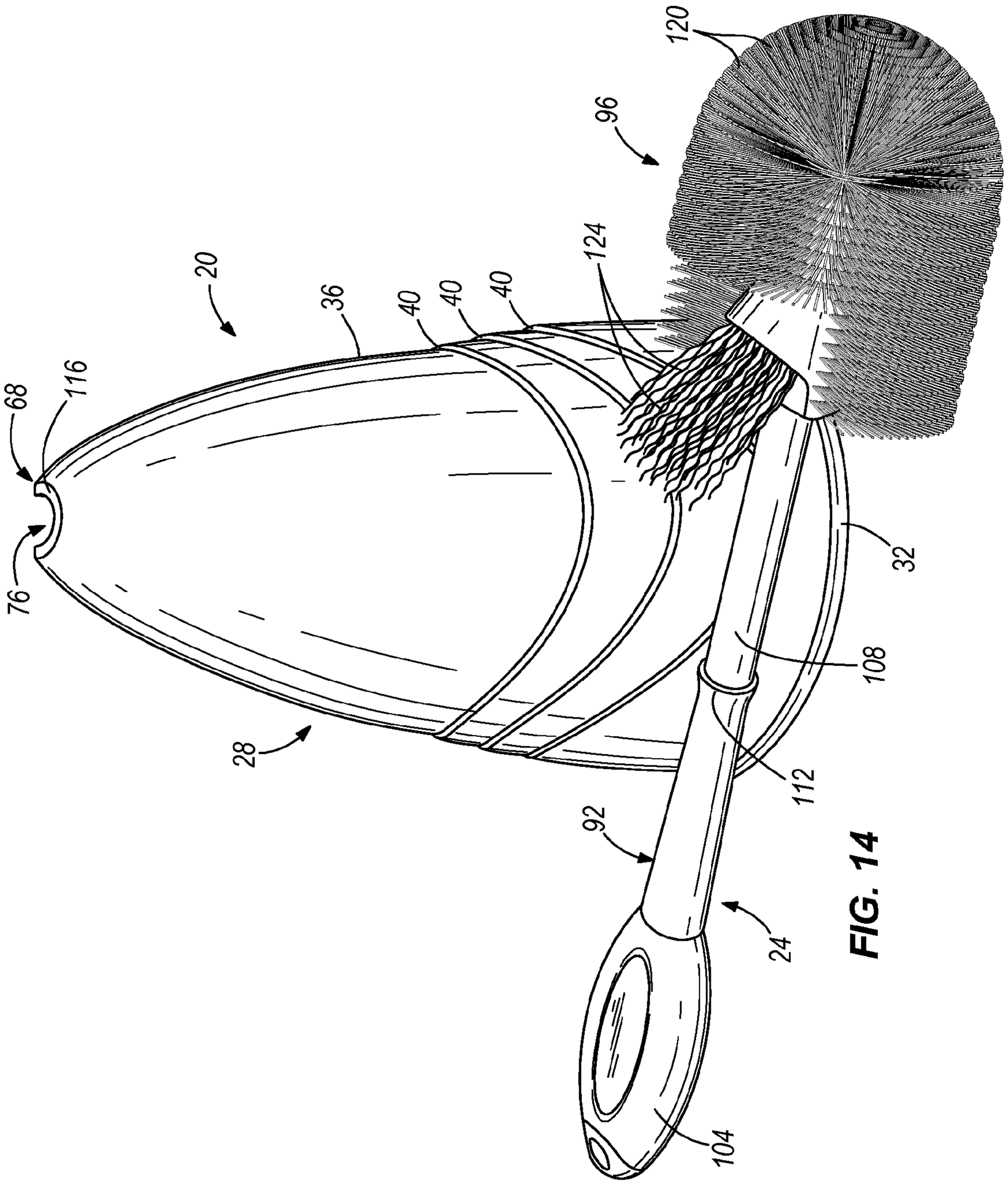

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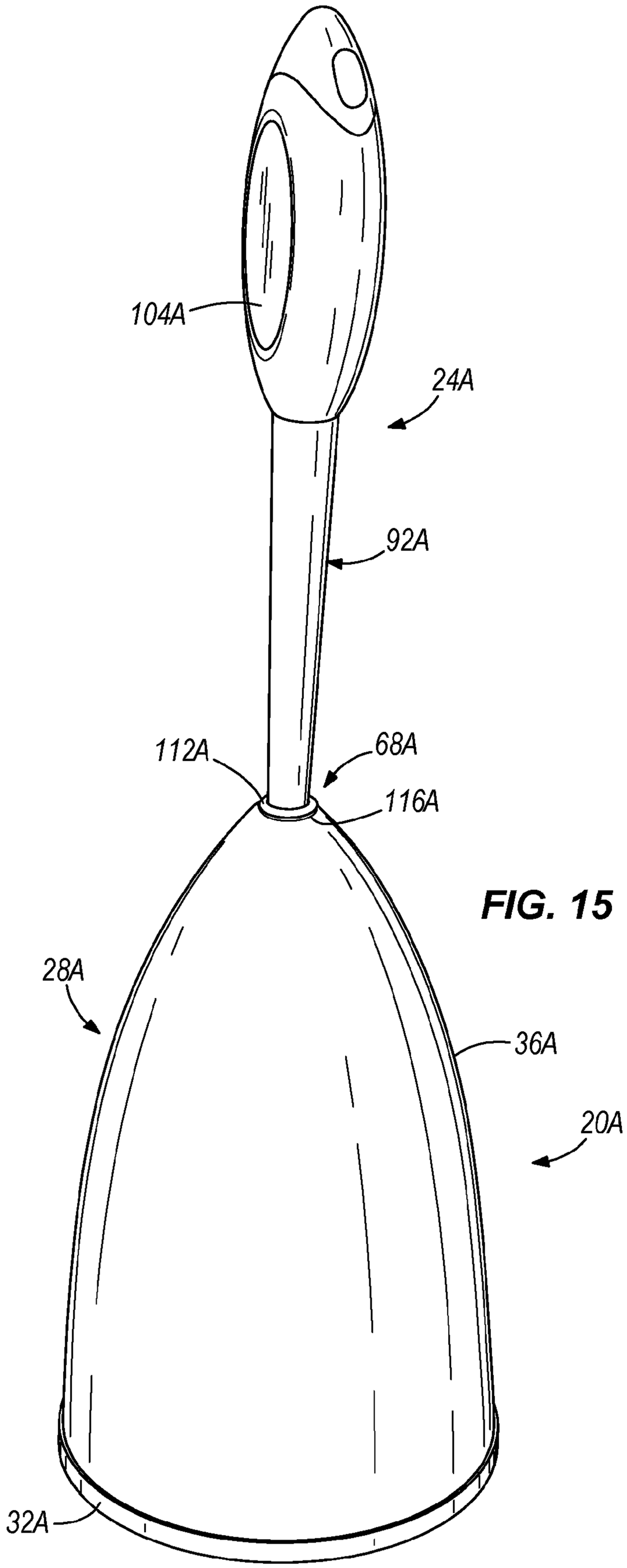

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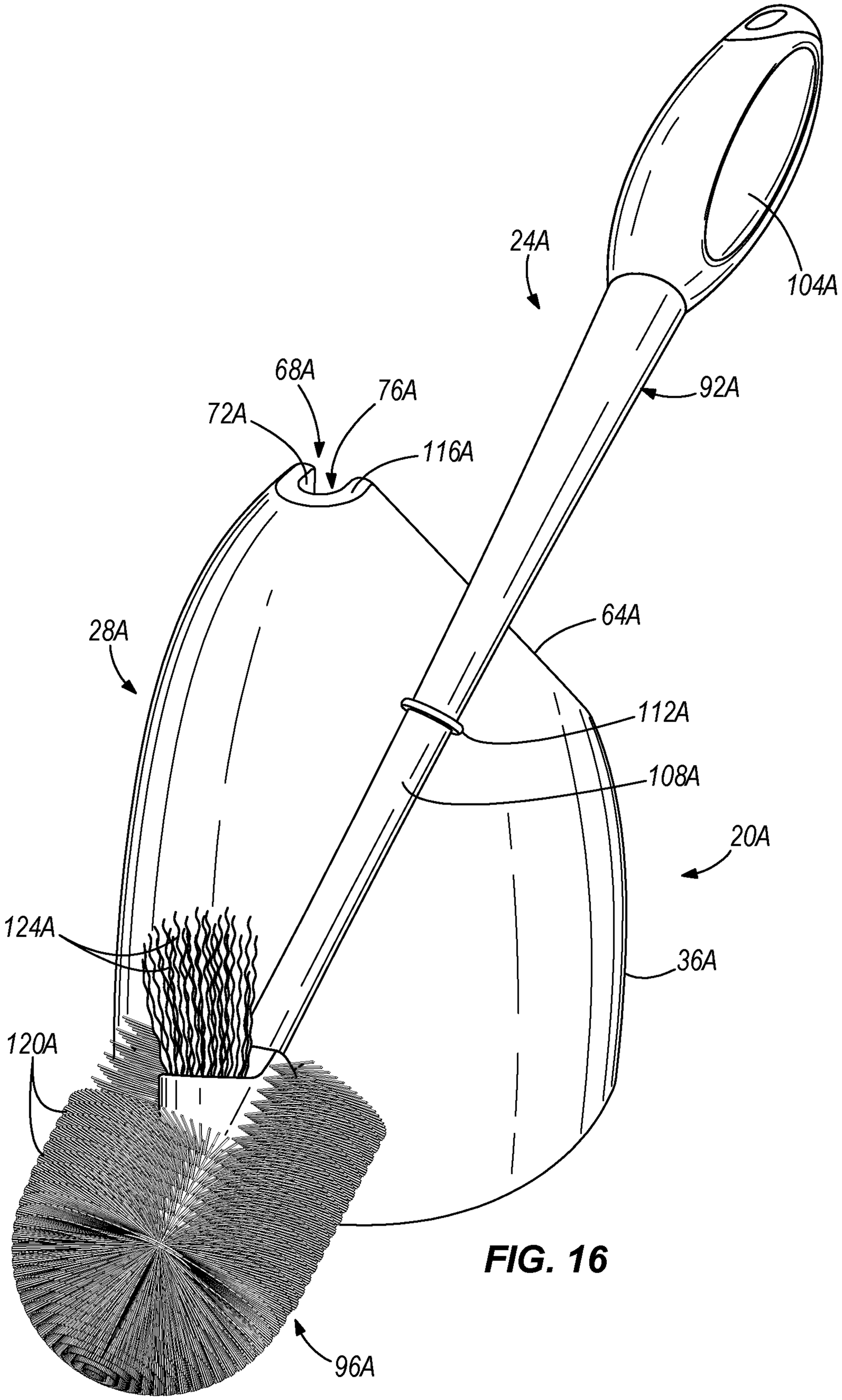
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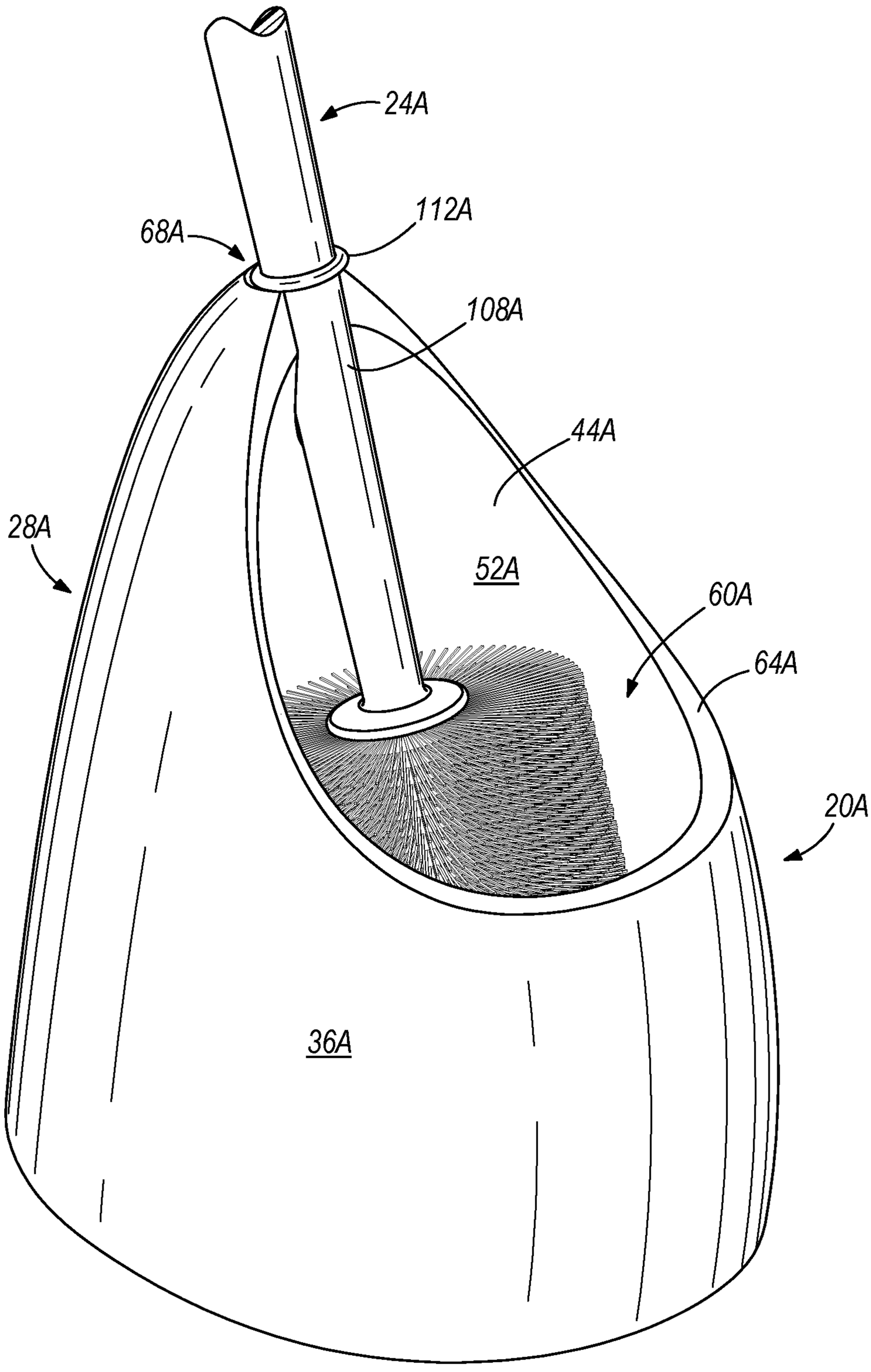

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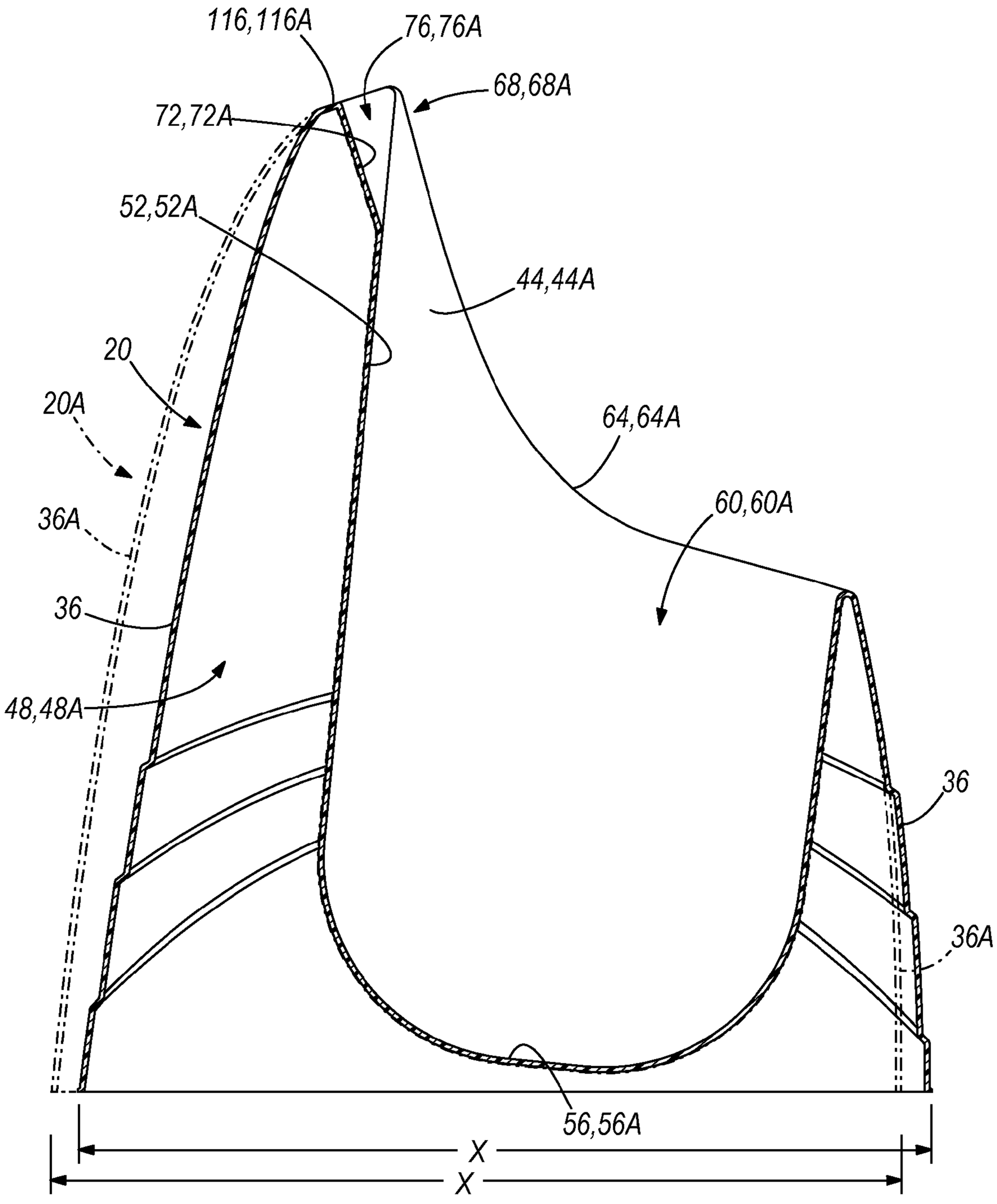
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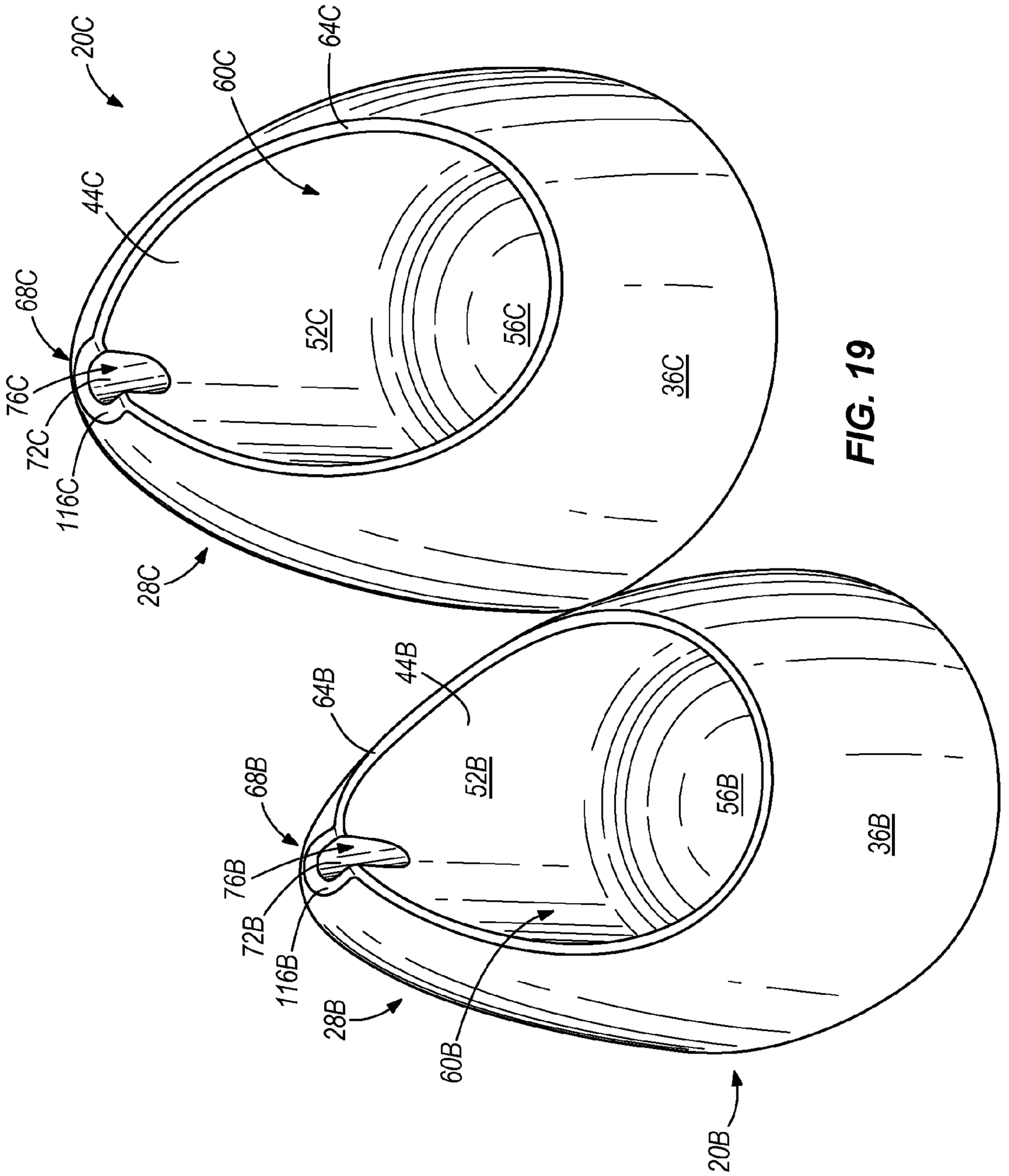
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FIG. 19

TOILET BRUSH CADDY

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 61/120,011, filed Dec. 4, 2008, the entire contents of which is incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention generally relates to toilet brush caddies and, more particularly, to toilet brush caddies including a unitary one-piece housing.

SUMMARY

In one example, a toilet brush caddy is provided.

In another example, a toilet brush caddy is provided and includes a unitary one-piece housing.

In yet another example, a toilet brush caddy is provided and is capable of supporting a toilet brush such that a cleaning head of the toilet brush does not contact a bottom of a brush receptacle of the caddy. The toilet brush may also be supported by the caddy such that the cleaning head only engages a single wall of the brush receptacle.

In still another example, a toilet brush caddy is provided and includes a housing and a rim. The housing is supportable on top of the rim and includes a brush receptacle and a brush support. The brush receptacle has a central longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to a vertical axis of the housing and the brush support includes a longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to the vertical axis. The central longitudinal axis of the brush receptacle can extend to a first side of the vertical axis and the longitudinal axis of the brush support can extend to a second side of the vertical axis opposite the first side. The longitudinal axis of the brush receptacle may extend at an acute angle relative to the vertical axis.

In a further example, a toilet brush caddy for supporting a toilet brush is provided and includes a one-piece unitary housing defining a brush receptacle adapted for receiving a cleaning head of the toilet brush, the brush receptacle having a longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to a vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

In yet a further example, a toilet brush caddy for supporting a toilet brush is provided and includes a one-piece unitary housing defining a brush receptacle adapted for receiving a cleaning head of the toilet brush, the housing including a brush support adapted to be engaged by and support the toilet brush such that the cleaning head is positionable in the brush receptacle, the brush support including a longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to a vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

In still a further example, a toilet brush caddy for supporting a toilet brush is provided and includes a one-piece unitary housing including an exterior wall, an inner wall spaced inward from the exterior wall and defining a brush receptacle adapted for receiving a cleaning head of the toilet brush, the brush receptacle having a longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to a vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy, and a brush support adapted to be engaged by and support the toilet brush such that the cleaning head is positionable in the brush receptacle, the brush support having a longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy, wherein the inner wall includes at least two sides and is adapted to extend around at least two sides of the cleaning head with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle, and the cleaning head contacts no more than one of the at least two sides of the inner wall with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** is a front view of an exemplary toilet brush caddy supporting an exemplary toilet brush;

FIG. **2** is a rear view of the toilet brush caddy and toilet brush shown in FIG. **1**;

FIG. **3** is a right side view of the toilet brush caddy and toilet brush shown in FIG. **1**;

FIG. **4** is a top rear perspective view of the toilet brush caddy and toilet brush shown in FIG. **1**;

FIG. **5** is a cross-sectional view of the toilet brush caddy taken along line **5-5** in FIG. **1**, the toilet brush is supported by the toilet brush caddy and is not shown in a sectioned manner;

FIG. **6** is a top front perspective view of the toilet brush caddy shown in FIG. **1**;

FIG. **7** is a front view of the toilet brush caddy shown in FIG. **6**;

FIG. **8** is a right side view of the toilet brush caddy shown in FIG. **6**;

FIG. **9** is a top rear perspective view of the toilet brush caddy shown in FIG. **6**;

FIG. **10** is a cross-sectional view of the toilet brush caddy shown in FIG. **6** taken along line **10-10** in FIG. **7**;

FIG. **11** is a partial end view of the brush support of the toilet brush caddy shown in FIG. **10**;

FIG. **12** is a cross-sectional view similar to FIG. **10** showing another exemplary toilet brush caddy and an exemplary brush;

FIG. **13** is a cross-sectional view similar to FIG. **12** showing yet another exemplary toilet brush caddy and an exemplary brush;

FIG. **14** is a top front perspective of the toilet brush caddy shown in FIG. **1** and another exemplary toilet brush;

FIG. **15** is a top front perspective of another exemplary toilet brush caddy supporting another exemplary toilet brush;

FIG. **16** is a top front perspective view of the toilet brush caddy and toilet brush shown in FIG. **15**;

FIG. **17** is a top rear perspective of the toilet brush caddy supporting the toilet brush shown in FIG. **15**;

FIG. **18** is an overlay image of a cross-sectional view of the exemplary toilet brush caddy shown in FIG. **1** and a cross-sectional view of the exemplary toilet brush caddy shown in FIG. **15**; and

FIG. **19** is a top rear perspective view of a pair of alternative exemplary toilet brush caddies.

Before any independent features and embodiments of the invention are explained in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of the construction and the arrangement of the components set forth in the following description or illustrated in the drawings. The invention is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced or of being carried out in various ways. Also, it is understood that the phraseology and terminology used herein is for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

With reference to FIGS. **1-4**, an exemplary toilet brush caddy **20** is illustrated and is operable to support a toilet brush **24**. The illustrated toilet brush **24** is an exemplary toilet brush and the caddy **20** is capable of supporting a wide variety of toilet brushes. The caddy **20** includes a unitary one-piece housing **28** and a rim **32**. The rim **32** may be secured to a

bottom edge **30** of the housing **28** and is the portion of the caddy **20** contacting a floor surface when the caddy **20** is placed on the floor surface. In some examples, the rim **32** may be interference fit or friction fit to the bottom edge **30** of the housing **28**. Alternatively, the rim **32** may be secured to the bottom edge **30** of the housing in a variety of other manners including, for example, adhering, bonding, coupling, fastening, etc. In some examples, the rim **32** may be made of a non-slip and/or high friction material such as, for example, rubber, and may inhibit slipping of the caddy **20** along the floor surface. In the illustrated example, the bottom edge **30** of the housing **28** has a generally oval or egg shaped periphery and the flexible rim **32** conforms to that shape when secured to the bottom edge **30**. In some exemplary embodiments, the caddy **20** may not include a rim **32** and, in such embodiments, the bottom edge **30** of the housing **28** contacts a floor surface when the caddy **20** is placed on the floor surface.

With continued reference to FIGS. **1-4** and additional reference to FIG. **5**, the housing **28** includes an exterior wall **36** having a plurality of steps **40** extending around the exterior wall **36**. In the illustrated example, the exterior wall **36** includes three steps **40**. Alternatively, the exterior wall **36** may include any number of steps **40** or may include other aesthetic features and be within the intended scope of the present invention. The housing **28** also includes an inner wall **44** defining a brush receptacle **60**. The inner wall **44** is spaced apart from the exterior wall **36** providing a void **48** within the housing **28** and with the other features described herein allows the housing **28** to be easily manufactured, such as by injection molding. This construction of the housing **28** provides the caddy **20** with a relatively light weight. The inner wall **44** comprises a side wall **52** and a bottom wall **56**, which together define the brush receptacle **60**, which is enclosed on sides and a bottom end and open on a top end **64** only. The open top end **64** of the brush receptacle **60** facilitates insertion of the toilet brush **24** into the brush receptacle **60**.

Referring now to FIGS. **5-9**, the housing **28** further includes a brush support **68** for supporting the toilet brush **24**. The brush support **68** includes a support wall **72** defining a support channel **76**, which has an open top end and an open bottom end in communication with the brush receptacle **60**. In the illustrated example, the support wall **72** is semi-circular in shape to accommodate toilet brushes **24** having a complimentarily shaped circular handle. Alternatively, the support wall **72** may have other shapes, such as, for example, semi-oval, semi-polygonal, etc., to accommodate toilet brushes **24** having handle shapes other than circular. Also, in the illustrated example, the support channel **76** has a diameter of about 0.5 inches and a depth of about 0.45 inches (see FIG. **11**). Alternatively, the support channel **76** may have other sized diameters or depths to accommodate exemplary toilet brush handles having different sized handles and may have other sizes and shapes to accommodate exemplary toilet brush handles having different sized and shaped handles.

With particular reference to FIGS. **10** and **11**, the brush receptacle **60** and the brush support **68** will be described further. The brush receptacle **60** is angled relative to a vertical axis **80** of the caddy **20**. In other words, the brush receptacle **60** does not open straight upward out of the housing **28**. More particularly, a central longitudinal axis **84** of the brush receptacle **60** extends at an angle relative to the vertical axis **80**. In some exemplary embodiments, the central longitudinal axis **84** of the brush receptacle extends at an acute angle relative to the vertical axis **80**. In the illustrated example, the central longitudinal axis **84** of the brush receptacle **60** extends at about a 6.0° angle relative to the vertical axis **80** of the housing **28**. Alternatively, the brush receptacle **60** may be oriented at other angles relative to the housing **28** and, accordingly, the central longitudinal axis **84** of the brush receptacle **60** may extend at other angles relative to the vertical axis **80** and be within the intended scope of the present invention. For example, reference is made to FIG. **12** showing another exemplary caddy **20** having a brush receptacle **60** with a central longitudinal axis **84** extending at about a 16.0° angle relative to the vertical axis **80** of the housing **28**. Also for example, reference is made to FIG. **13** showing yet another exemplary caddy **20** having a brush receptacle **60** with a central longitudinal axis **84** extending at about a 4.0° angle relative to the vertical axis **80** of the housing **28**.

Referring again to FIGS. **10** and **11** and the brush support **68**, the support wall **72** and the support channel **76** are also angled relative to the vertical axis **80** of the housing **28**. In other words, the support channel **76** does not open straight upward out of the housing **28**. More particularly, a longitudinal axis **88** of the support channel **76** extends at an angle relative to the vertical axis **80**. In some exemplary embodiments, the longitudinal axis **88** of the support channel **76** extends at an acute angle relative to the vertical axis **80**. In the illustrated example, the longitudinal axis **88** of the support wall **72** extends at about an 18.5° angle relative to the vertical axis **80**. Alternatively, the support channel **76** may be oriented at other angles relative to the housing **28** and, accordingly, the longitudinal axis **88** of the support wall **72** may extend at other angles relative to the vertical axis **80** and be within the intended scope of the present invention. For example, reference is made again to FIG. **12** and another exemplary caddy **20** having a brush support **68** with a longitudinal axis **88** extending at about an 8.5° angle relative to the vertical axis **80** of the housing **28**. Also for example, reference is made again to FIG. **13** and the illustrated exemplary caddy **20** having a brush support **68** with a longitudinal axis **88** extending at about a 28.5° angle relative to the vertical axis **80** of the housing **28**. In the examples illustrated in FIGS. **10** and **12**, the central longitudinal axis **84** of the brush receptacle **60** and the longitudinal axis **88** of the support wall **72** extend on opposite sides of the vertical axis **80**. In the example illustrated in FIG. **11**, the central longitudinal axis **84** of the brush receptacle **60** and the longitudinal axis **88** of the brush support **68** extend on the same side of the vertical axis **80**. Angling the brush receptacle **60** and the support channel **76** in the manners described above allow the housing **28** to be easily molded as a unitary one-piece construction, which removes manufacturing time and cost.

Referring now to FIGS. **5**, **10**, and **11**, the manner in which a toilet brush **24** is supported by the caddy **20** will be described. The illustrated exemplary toilet brush **24** includes an elongated handle **92**, a cleaning head **96** comprising a plurality of bristles **100** at a first end of the handle **92**, and a hand grip **104** at a second end of the handle **92** opposite the cleaning head **96**. The handle **92** of this exemplary toilet brush **24** has a generally circular periphery and the support channel **76** of the brush support **68** has a complementary semi-circular shape to accommodate the handle **92** of the toilet brush **24**. Alternatively, the handle **92** of the toilet brush **24** can have other shapes such as, for example, oval, polygonal, etc., and similarly the support channel **76** can have other complementary shapes to accommodate these other shapes of the handle **92**. The handle **92** includes a first portion **108** have a first size (first diameter in the illustrated example) and a second portion **112** having a second size (second diameter in the illustrated example) larger than the first size, which forms a shoulder where the first portion **108** and second portion **112** meet. In the illustrated example, both the first and second portions **108**, **112** are unitarily formed as one-piece with the handle **92**.

Alternatively, the second portion **112** may be a separate component supported, connected, adhered, bonded, or otherwise secured to the handle **92** (see FIGS. **15-17**, described in greater detail below). The first portion **108** of the handle **92** is positioned in the support channel **76** and the shoulder formed between the first portion **108** and the second portion **112** of the handle **92** engages a top end **116** of the support wall **72**. The first portion **108** of the handle **92** is sized slightly smaller than the size of the support channel **76** to ensure that the first portion **108** of the handle **92** will easily fit within the support channel **76**. The second portion **112** of the handle **92** is sized slightly larger than the size of the support channel **76** to ensure that the second portion **112** is too large to fit within the support channel **76** and that the shoulder will rest upon the top end **116** of the support channel **76**. In the illustrated example, the first portion **108** of the handle **92** has a diameter of about 0.49 inches, which is slightly less than the 0.5 inch diameter of the support channel **76**, and the second portion **112** has a diameter slightly greater than 0.5 inches such as, for example, 0.51 inches. The engagement between the shoulder formed between the first portion **108** and the second portion **112** of the handle **92** and the top end **116** of the support channel **76** inhibits the toilet brush **24** from sliding further downward. In this supported position, a top portion of the handle **92** and the hand grip **104** are positioned above the caddy **20** to facilitate gripping of the toilet brush **24** for use and the cleaning head **96** is positioned in the brush receptacle **60** (see FIG. **5**). The cleaning head **96** is substantially surrounded on its sides by the side wall **52** and on its bottom by the bottom wall **56**. The cleaning head **96** is only exposed from the top due to the open top end **64** of the brush receptacle **60**. Also, the cleaning head **96** is supported in such a manner that the bristles **100** of the cleaning head **96** solely engage a front portion of the side wall **52** and are spaced apart from the left, right, and rear portions of the side wall **52** and the bottom wall **56**. With few bristles **100** engaging the side wall **52**, the bristles **100** are able to dry much quicker than when a large quantity of the bristles **100** engage a surface or when the bristles **100** are submerged in water accumulated on the bottom wall **56** of the brush receptacle **60**.

Referring to FIG. **14**, another exemplary toilet brush **24** is illustrated. This toilet brush **24** includes a similar handle **92** and hand grip **104** to the toilet brush **24** illustrated in FIGS. **1-5**, but includes a different cleaning head **96**. The cleaning head **96** of this alternative exemplary toilet brush **24** includes a first type of bristles **120** comprising a majority of the cleaning head **96** and a second type of bristles **124** comprising a small portion of the cleaning head **96**. The second type of bristles **124** extend upward generally along the handle **92** toward the hand grip **104** and are more coarse or rigid than the first type of bristles **120**. The second type of bristles **124** may be used to remove difficult stains and/or to scrub under the rim of a toilet bowl. As indicated above, the caddy **20** is capable of supporting a wide variety of toilet brushes and these two illustrated toilet brushes are only two exemplary toilet brushes of the many toilet brushes supportable by the caddy **20**.

Referring to FIGS. **15-17**, another exemplary toilet brush caddy **20**A and another exemplary toilet brush **24**A are illustrated. Common elements between the caddy **20**A and toilet brush **24**A of FIGS. **15-17** and the exemplary caddy **20** and toilet brushes **24** of FIGS. **1-11** and **14** are identified by the same reference numbers and an "A". This exemplary caddy **20**A is similar in many ways to the exemplary caddy **20** illustrated in FIGS. **1-11** and **14**. At least one of the differences between the caddy **20**A illustrated in FIGS. **15-17** and the caddy **20** illustrated in FIGS. **1-11** and **14** is that the caddy **20**A illustrated in FIGS. **15-17** does not include any steps on the exterior wall **36**A. As indicated above, the exterior wall of the caddy can have a variety of different aesthetic features and the exterior wall **36**A of this exemplary caddy **20**A happens to have a smooth surface without steps. The exemplary toilet brush **24**A is similar in many ways to the exemplary toilet brush **24** illustrated in FIGS. **1-5** and the toilet brush **24** illustrated in FIG. **14**. At least one of the differences between the toilet brush **24**A illustrated in FIGS. **15-17** and the toilet brushes **24** illustrated in FIGS. **1-5** and **14** is that the toilet brush **24**A illustrated in FIGS. **15-17** includes an elongated handle **92**A having a second portion **112**A formed separately from the remainder of the handle **92**A and secured to the handle **92**A. In this illustrated example, the second portion **112**A is an O-ring surrounding the handle **92**A, movable along the handle **92**A, and frictionally securable in a variety of positions along the handle **92**A. In some examples, the handle **92**A may include one or more annular slots (not shown) extending around the periphery of the handle **92**A in which the O-ring **112**A may be positioned to assist with securing the O-ring **112**A in place. The movability of the second portion **112**A allows a user to select the amount of the handle **92**A that extends above the top of the caddy **20**A and allows a user to select the positioning of the cleaning head **96**A in the brush receptacle **60**A. Similarly to the toilet brushes **24** of FIGS. **1-5** and **14**, the first portion **108**A of the handle **92**A is sized slightly smaller than the size of the support channel **76**A and the second portion **112**A or O-ring is sized slightly larger than the size of the support channel **76**A such that the second portion **112**A will rest on top end **116**A. The cleaning head **96**A of the toilet brush **24**A illustrated in FIGS. **15-17** is similar to the cleaning head **96** of the toilet brush **24** illustrated in FIG. **14**.

Referring now to FIG. **18**, cross-sectional views of the caddies **20**, **20**A illustrated in FIGS. **1-11** and FIGS. **15-17** are overlaid upon each other. In these exemplary caddies **20**, **20**A, their respective housings **28**, **28**A are similar except the right portion of the side wall **52** of the brush receptacle **60** is spaced further from the right portion of the exterior wall **36** of the caddy **20** than the right portion of the side wall **52**A of the brush receptacle **60**A is spaced from the right portion of the exterior wall **36**A of the caddy **20**A. Likewise, as shown, the left portion of the side wall **52** of the brush receptacle **60** is closer to the left portion of the exterior wall **36** of the caddy **20** than the left portion of the side wall **52**A of the brush receptacle **60**A of the caddy **20**A. Even with this alternative orientation of the brush receptacles **60**, **60**A relative to the housings **28**, **28**A of the caddies **20**, **20**A, the caddies **20**, **20**A may still have the same depth X. In some examples, the similar depth among the caddies **20**, **20**A may be about 6.74 inches.

With reference to FIG. **19**, a pair of alternative toilet brush caddies **20**B, **20**C are illustrated side by side. Common elements between the caddies **20**B, **20**C of FIG. **19** and the caddies **20**, **20**A of FIGS. **1-18** are identified by the same reference numbers and a "B" and a "C", respectively. As indicated above, the toilet brush caddy of the present invention is capable of having various configurations and sizes. FIG. **19** illustrates two different sized caddies **20**B, **20**C. The caddy **20**B is proportionally smaller than the caddy **20**C. For example, the support channel **76**B of the caddy **20**B is smaller than the support channel **76**C of caddy **20**C, thereby facilitating the caddy **20**C to support a toilet brush having a larger sized handle. Also, for example, the brush receptacle **60**B of the caddy **20**B is smaller than the brush receptacle **60**C of the caddy **20**C, thereby facilitating the caddy **20**C to support a toilet brush having a larger cleaning head. Further, for example, since the brush receptacle **60**B for the caddy **20**B is

smaller, the width of the bottom of the housing **28**B may be smaller, thereby providing the caddy **20**B with a smaller housing perimeter than the caddy **20**C. Other differences are possible between the various types of caddies and are intended to be within the scope of the present invention.

Both caddies **20**B, **20**C of FIG. **19** are capable of supporting a toilet brush in the same manner as the caddies **20**, **20**A of FIGS. **1-18** and can be easily molded as a unitary one-piece construction, which reduces manufacturing time and cost. That is, the caddies **20**B, **20**C are capable of supporting a toilet brush such that a portion of a toilet brush handle extends above the caddies **20**B, **20**C, the cleaning head is positioned in the brush receptacles **60**B, **60**C, and the bristles **100**B, **100**C of the cleaning head **96**B, **96**C only engage a front portion of the side wall **52**B, **52**C and are spaced apart from the other portions of the side wall **56**B, **56**C and bottom wall **52**B, **52**C.

The foregoing description has been presented for purposes of illustration and description, and is not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise form disclosed. The descriptions were selected to explain the principles of the invention and their practical application to enable others skilled in the art to utilize the invention in various embodiments and various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated. Although particular constructions of the present invention have been shown and described, other alternative constructions will be apparent to those skilled in the art and are within the intended scope of the present invention.

The invention claimed is:

1. A toilet brush caddy for supporting a toilet brush, the toilet brush caddy comprising:

a one-piece unitary housing including:

a wall defining a brush receptacle adapted for receiving a cleaning head of the toilet brush, wherein the wall includes at least two sides and a bottom and is adapted to extend around at least two sides and a bottom of the cleaning head with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle, and wherein no more than one of the two sides of the inner wall is engageable by the cleaning head with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle, the brush receptacle having a longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to a vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy, and

a brush support configured to engaged a handle of the toilet brush and to support the toilet brush such that the cleaning head is positionable in the brush receptacle.

2. The toilet brush caddy of claim **1**, wherein the wall is an inner wall of the housing, and wherein the housing further includes an exterior wall spaced outward of the inner wall.

3. The toilet brush caddy of claim **2**, wherein the inner wall includes four sides and a bottom and is adapted to extend around four sides and a bottom of the cleaning head with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle.

4. The toilet brush caddy of claim **3**, wherein no more than one of the four sides of the inner wall is engageable by the cleaning head with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle.

5. The toilet brush caddy of claim **1**, wherein the longitudinal axis of the brush receptacle extends at an acute angle relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

6. The toilet brush caddy of claim **5**, wherein the acute angle is between about four degrees and about sixteen degrees.

7. The toilet brush caddy of claim **1**, further comprising a rim formed separately from and securable to the housing.

8. A toilet brush caddy for supporting a toilet brush, the toilet brush caddy comprising:

a one-piece unitary housing defining a brush receptacle adapted for receiving a cleaning head of the toilet brush, the housing including a brush support adapted to be engaged by and support the toilet brush such that the cleaning head is positionable in the brush receptacle, the brush support including a longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to a vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

9. The toilet brush caddy of claim **8**, wherein the longitudinal axis of the brush support extends at an acute angle relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

10. The toilet brush caddy of claim **9**, wherein the acute angle is between about eight degrees and about twenty-nine degrees.

11. The toilet brush caddy of claim **9**, wherein the brush receptacle includes a longitudinal axis extending at an acute angle relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

12. The toilet brush caddy of claim **11**, wherein the longitudinal axis of the brush receptacle extends relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy between an angle of about four degrees and about sixteen degrees, and wherein the longitudinal axis of the brush support extends relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy between an angle of about eight degrees and about twenty-nine degrees.

13. The toilet brush caddy of claim **11**, wherein the longitudinal axis of the brush receptacle extends to a first side of the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy and the longitudinal axis of the brush support extends to a second side of the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy opposite the first side.

14. The toilet brush caddy of claim **11**, wherein the longitudinal axes of the brush receptacle and the brush support extend to a same side of the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

15. The toilet brush caddy of claim **8**, further comprising a rim formed separately from and securable to the housing.

16. A toilet brush caddy for supporting a toilet brush, the toilet brush caddy comprising:

a one-piece unitary housing including

an exterior wall,

an inner wall spaced inward from the exterior wall and defining a brush receptacle adapted for receiving a cleaning head of the toilet brush, the brush receptacle having a longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to a vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy, and

a brush support adapted to be engaged by and support the toilet brush such that the cleaning head is positionable in the brush receptacle, the brush support having a longitudinal axis extending at an angle relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy,

wherein the inner wall includes at least two sides and is adapted to extend around at least two sides of the cleaning head with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle, and the cleaning head contacts no more than one of the at least two sides of the inner wall with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle.

17. The toilet brush caddy of claim **16**, wherein the inner wall includes a bottom that extends around a bottom of the cleaning head with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle, and the cleaning head does not contact the bottom of the inner wall with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle.

18. The toilet brush caddy of claim **16**, wherein the inner wall includes four sides and a bottom and is adapted to extend around four sides and a bottom of the cleaning head with the

cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle, and the cleaning head contacts no more than one of the four sides of the inner wall with the cleaning head positioned in the brush receptacle.

19. The toilet brush caddy of claim **16**, wherein the longitudinal axes of the brush receptacle and the brush support extend at acute angles relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

20. The toilet brush caddy of claim **16**, wherein the longitudinal axis of the brush receptacle extends relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy between an angle of about four degrees and about sixteen degrees, and the longitudinal axis of the brush support extends relative to the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy between an angle of about eight degrees and about twenty-nine degrees.

21. The toilet brush caddy of claim **16**, wherein the longitudinal axis of the brush receptacle extends to a first side of the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy and the longitudinal axis of the brush support extends to a second side of the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

22. The toilet brush caddy of claim **16**, wherein the longitudinal axes of the brush receptacle and the brush support extend to a same side of the vertical axis of the toilet brush caddy.

23. The toilet brush caddy of claim **16**, further comprising a rim formed separately from and securable to the housing.

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